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CHRISTMAS MONEY.

New York, as the Rev. Mr. Stires says, is a very generous city. The spectacle of portly gentlemen despatching their clerks to the Sub-Treasury for crisp new \$1,000 bills for presents proves it. A thousand other tokens prove it, including the demand for dollar bills, likewise crisp and new, and for new-minted nickels and cent pieces, of which the Sub-Treasury supplied twenty-seven kegs the other day for retail business

The clean, new money goes with the clean Christmas sentiment. And it makes one regret that in this distribution of cash and good will even a tattered dollar bill did not reach the Williamsburg mother and daughter who died of starvation last week.

CHILD MARRIAGES.

A boy married at fifteen is a proper subject for commiseration; this is not to prophesy that the marriage of Lee Batting, of that age, to a wife only a year his senior will turn out unhappily. May the wing of When a purse-proud young man from the young couple's matrimonial felicity never moult a feather, as Dick Swiveller would say.

But children of their years are in no sense fit to enter a matrimonial partnership, nor is the wife fit for the maternal duties that should devolve upon her. "Calf love" is strong in a boy of Batting's age, but usually it is lavished on a girl of larger growth; such is nature's wise provision to avert the catastrophe of immature marriage. Sensible remarks on this topic were made by Father Mullaney, of Hoboken, last spring when, speaking to his flock on the question of premature wedlock he said:

It is positively ridiculous to hear a fifteen-year-old elip of a girl tell g her friend that she and he are "steadies." If I were the father of rule, about 75 per cent. of those fifteen-year-old boys who glory in the silly little compliments paid them by those as witless as they are cannot rt themselves, much less a wife. Imagine a home supported of s or \$5 a week. Young men don't be fools! Walt at least till you have

Advice eminently sound, and, from the marrying youth's point of view, for adoption by every boy but

Americans marry early and often; the census returns show that there are fewer single persons among us of marriageable age than in any other nation, and fewer, as regard cities, in Brooklyn than elsewhere. Childhood marriages, though reported in the news columns with frequency, make a small proportion of the total. The average age for New York, as shown by the Board of Health reports for 1891-1892, is 28.8 for bridegrooms and 24.5 for brides. The number of bridegrooms under twenty in those years was 265, and of brides 5,798. Most bridegrooms in those years were of the age of twenty-five, and most brides twenty-one. Plato said that a husband should be thirty and a bride twenty, and the statistics of to-day seem to bear out his view. According to Dr. Cyrus Edson "the healthiest offspring are born of mothers between twenty and thirty and husbands between thirty and forty."

Child marriage was long the curse of women in India. Its present prevalence in the Orient is shown by the efforts of the Russian Government in December of this year to raise the ages of brides in Turkestan from ten and twelve to fourteen. According to the reports of the Russian officials in Turkestan 75 per cent. of these child wives die before they reach twenty. In Russia itself the proportion of marriages under twenty is larger than elsewhere in Europe. The figures are 373 per thousand for men and 578 for women.

THE YOUTH OF INVENTORS.

That rare quality of the mind which enables a man to be an inventor seems to show itself in youth in a more pronounced degree than in middle life. Marcont is now only thirty; he was but twenty-five when he sent Queen Victoria's memorable message from ashore as telegraph to the Prince of Wales on his yacht. Edison was twenty-six when he devised the quadruplex system of telegraph by which alone he would hagen workmen on account of a lockout have been entitled to remembrance; at thirty-four he contributions, says the London Express. had two salons of the Paris electrical exhibition filled An old couple in Jutland, having no with his inventions and the hall entirely lighted by his money, sent in their wedding rings as incandescent lamps. Tesla was decorated at thirty by their humble contribution for the relief of the starving people. The organizathe King of Servia for his inventions.

It might seem that these examples of youthful emi-this kind act. Recently the old couple nence among inventors should be put down to the hustling spirit of the so-called young man's era. But were actually starving. This came to there were others before. Sir Humphry Davy at the knowledge of the Copenhagen worktwenty-three was professor in the British Royal Insti- men. A collection was taken up and in tute. Elias Howe at twenty-seven had invented the in cash and two new wedding rings, sewing-machine. Eli Whitney had his cotton gin per- with a grateful acknowledgment of their fected at twenty-eight. Sir Henry Bessemer at twentyfive was one of the "Forty Immortals" of the French Academy, an enviable honor. Arkwright, the Lancashire barber, had his cotton-spinning machine in working order at thirty-seven. Morse at forty-four had made his successful experiments with the telegraph.

"It is a divine gift, the faculty of invention, of the order of genius that enabled Alexander and Napoleon to be great at thirty and Byron at twenty-seven. But with it in all the cases cited above was united a capacity for hard work-the kind that kept Edison at his desk for sixty hours at a stretch. Genius without persistence in invention does not progress far.

TWO NEW YORK CLOCKS.

The fact that the clock in Trinity's steeple told the time inaccurately for two days of last week was deemed a matter of importance in Wall street. A hundred thousand timepieces might err or stop altogether and nothing come of it; Trinity's clock has been a model of chronological rectitude for so long that a lapse on its part is like the fall from grace of a churchwarden.

The belfry old and brown the watched over Bruges never performed sentinel duty hall so interesting as that by Trinity. In the good old days of pedestrianism Triuity's clock told the end of the day for the banker as he swung into Broadway for a walk up to Madison Square, just as the clock in the corridor of the Union Club, sold at auction yesterday, told him the end of the evening.

This Union Club clock was a junior Trinity in respectability and steadiness of behavior. The lengthy procession of good fellows who went home by it could hardly be duplicated elsewhere in the qualities that make the clubman. It had long occupied its post. It had watched many a fine figure of a man descend the steps before it which he was not to ascend again, and had own his sons themselves grow gray and florid of lt was a clock with a good deal of sentiment athing to it and it sold for the sum of \$22.

THE = EVENING=

THE MAN HIGHER UP.

ON THE MERRY CHRISTMAS GIFT

HRISTMAS approaches fast," remarked The Cigan

Higher Up. "If Santa Claus had a horn on his automo

bile you could hear it blowing. The old Christmas thing

is coming along like a doped race-horse; the papers are

full of pictures of children without clothes enough on te

wipe a flute standing out in front of candy stores; the

storekeepers are wishing that the days were divided into

three sections, each twenty-four hours long, and 80 per

cent. of the men in town are wondering if it wouldn't be

better, after all, to go out on the centre span of the

Brooklyn Bridge and see how it feels to get to the water

by the shortest route. The Yuletide is upon us, and con-

templation of it has forced many a man to accumulate

"You must have been buying presents," said The

"You must have quit smoking your own cigars," re-

torted The Man Higher Up. "Your quickness of percep-

tion has got the Empire State Express skinned a city

block. I have been buying presents. After I have been

sandbagged out of what I have left by people who have

been paid for what they have done for me under protest

during the past year I think it will be up to me to but

wealthy relatives and chorus girls with friends in the im-

porting business. It is the annual exchange time for

everybody, and nine out of ten who give presents expect

to realize a dividend on what they get in return. Of

these nine out of ten are disappointed. What becomes

of the balance of trade in this exchange of presents is

"All I know about it is that I never heard anybody but

children and the aforesaid chorus girls, who don't have

to give any Christmas presents but smiles and exprese

sions of delight, admit that what they got for Christmas

wasn't a Baxter street layout compared to the expensive

along and be afraid to think about what is going to hap-

pen to his family when he dies, Christmas is becoming a

seance of horror. With such a man it is a case of all

going out and nothing coming in. Generally he has to

go into debt to hold up his end at Christmas time and

keep his children from thinking that Santa Claus is a

shine. His income keeps level from year to year, but

the prices of everything get higher and higher and the

growing display of the rich farces him into getting pres-

ents for his own that he wouldnn't have thought of five

"Patient, plodding papa buys Christmas presents for

the family and then gives the family money with

which to buy presents for each other. When he digs

down into his sock on Christmas morning he finds a

box of handkerchiefs, a delirious necktie and a box of

sterilized cigars. In the jubilation of looking over the

presents on the part of the rest of the family he is en-

tirely overlooked and often goes out to the corner saloon

"This is a fine Christmas for those who don't need it.

John D. Rockefeller would like to get a bottle of hair

restorer that would restore. Instead of that he gets a

little bunch of \$20,000,000 in dividends on his oil stock.

J. Pierpont Morgan would like to have somebody give

him an old master, but all he will get is money. Pres-

ident Roosevelt would like to have the assurance of the

nomination for the Presidency in 1904, but the best he

gets is a collection of turkeys from turkey-growers who

want to get their names in the papers. Millionaires get

nothing but money, poor people get nothing but advice

"Po you think they ought to abolish Christmas?"

"Nay, nay," said The Man Higher Up. "Christmas is

the most satisfactory holiday we have, because when it

and puts aboard a real vivid souse.

"For a man with an income that allows him to pike

"Christmas is a joyous season for children with

a Yule tide that has put him in jail."

Cigar-Store Man.

into the bankruptcy court.

articles they passed out.

years ago.

to be joyful.

asked The Cigar-Store Man.

is over everybody is glad of it."

a question that has me stung to a fret.

"Surest thing you know," responded The May

Store Man.

JOKES OF THE DAY

"When he used to go shooting everybody made game of him."
"That's how he died. Another hunter mistook him for a deer and made game

"Borrowe makes a lot of friends, but can he keep them?" "He doesn't try to. He is content to

"Miss Sereleaf says she's had only eighteen birthdays." "Why, I didn't know she was born or

"Jane has found such a cheap tailor nd he has the loveliest taste! "I suppose Jane will do her best to

"Of course she will." 'She tried that before and failed." 'She'll succeed this time. She's going o marry him."-Cleveland Plain Dealer

Mesquite Heard Christmas would be incomplite

Without mistletoe, He replied, "Say you soe? Then we'll buy both its 'toe' and its

"Fashion notes say that undressed kid is to be popular this year for slippers. "I'll bet slippers won't be popular with

the undressed kid ' 'He's near and dear to me!" the bride exclaimed.

The man was stingy; and within a She changed her mind, for, to her pained

surprise, She found that he was far more "near" than dear.

"I can safely say that no man ever ittempted to bribe me, gentlemen." Voice in the Crowd-Don't be downold chap; your luck may hange.-Tid-Bits.

"The whole faculty broke out laughing when the college president made that

"Yes, the papers said he had a 'happy "A Greek philospher said no man need

'Well, Christmas presents weren't invented in the old Greek days."

SOMEBODIES.

DELAREY, GEN .- Spells his name De La Rey, and puts the accent on the final syllable.

EDWARD VII.-Is a wondenful linguist, speaking Hindustani with especial fluency. During the coronation he addressed the native envoys in their own

EMPEROR OF CHINA-Is also high priest of his subjects' religion; and, in that capacity must offer forty-six

GILLES, DUNCAN-Is the first Scotchman to occupy the Speaker's Chair in the Australian parliament. He entered that parliament forty-four years ago at the age of twenty-five and has persistently refused a Knighthood. HOVESIEF, MISS ANNA-The editor of the largest newspaper in Norway, is in this country studying American methods of editing.

MOORE, W. H .- The New York millionaire intends to build a church at Richford, N. Y., for the use of the parish where his great-grandfather

GENEROSITY REWARDED.

During the distress among the Copen tion kept the rings as a memento of kindness during the time of trouble.

MAME'S CHRISTMAS

By H. H. Niemeyer. Jimmy an' me's got a swell Christ mas tree

Staked an' hid outen de way. Jimmy's me pup, but gamble he's up To de game an' in on de play. I's sure got de rocks right down in me socks,

And do ting will be done up in style. We'll give little Mame-dat's me sister's name-De best Christmas she's had fer

De kid ain't so peart since de day she got hurt. But she's game an' don't never cry.

Dat's why me mazoo's planted safe in me shoes An' not spent fer no sinkers nor

Just bet dat I'll blow every cent of me dough On de purtiest tings dat I see,

An' no avenoo kid will come in for Or a pike at me Mame's Christmas

Her stockin' is small an' won't do To hang by the chimbly dat night. But dere's one of me mudder's dat skins all de udders

An' filled up will look out er sight. De mudder onet said-'corse afore she was dead. Dat she'd look down on Mamie an'

me, I hopes from her place she kin

When de kid gets a sight at dat

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR A FEW GROWN-UPS

How Artist Powers Would Dress a Tree Were He Santa Claus.



GENUINE BARGAINS.



"I see by the paper that silver dollars are only worth forty-three

shopping suppose you buy a few at that price."

AN OPTICAL PUZZLE.



DOMESTIC.

"Did the doctor say there was a foreign substance in your eye?"
"No, sir; there is nothing foreign about it. Just a plece of cigar that was made right here in

ITS DESTINATION.



"Dis sled's slower'n m'lasses." "Sell It to the "L" fer a car."



"I do hope you and Miss de Ѯ Blank will marry. I like her so "But she's all the time giggling."
"Oh, she'll soon get over that

CHRISTMAS TREE PUZZLE.

You can have some fun with this

Christmas tree. Twelve letters are hung

on it. Can you spell fifteen articles

from them that would be lively to be

upon a Christmas tree? Each letter may

be used as many times as need be, bot

each letter must be used at least once.

PLANTS AS TRAVELLERS.

Plants travel to astonishing distances

The seeds stick to this or that article

and are carried by ships and by those

after she is married."

DESERT LIZARDS.

There is no place like the desert for lizards. As a mal rides through the white sands or over the black malara nountains in Arizona or Southeastern California and sees the flash and scurry of these brilliant and graceful creatures the suggestion of death and solitude is broken, and, beholding se much life, he is brought to wonder if the country is really desert or only a land to which a man is not adapted, says the

For here are animals which never drink, yet frisk about through thorns and cactus and fatten on the bitter plants Many a desert prospector has lain down with his burros to die, and seen on the rocks about him the black heads of the Chuck-walla lizards outlined against the brazen sky.

The Chuck-wallas were happy and corpulent with good eating. It was their country. For thousands of generations their ancestors had never thirsted for water, and plants which the starving burros passed by furnished both food and drink for the scaly natives of the rocks.

A NEW BERRY.

Newest thing in small fruits is the "Arctio" berry. In parts of the West enterprising agents have been going about among the farmers exhibiting attractive-looking berries preserved in alcohol. They are about three times the size of

strawberry and with the color of an orange. "Very delicious," says the agent, who claims that it is a brand-new fruit of extraordinary merit. He explains that it was obtained by crossing the strawberry and the wild cherry, the huckleberry and various other berries. In rese ponse to orders he is willing to deliver a limited number plants.

Naturally, orders in plenty have been forthcoming. But # turns out on investigation that the new and wonderful berry is nothing more nor less than the white mulberry, long tas millar and not greatly esteemed. In other words, the whole business is a fraud, and the exasperation of the victim is rendered more intense by the fact that all the plants, which they had set set so carefully, are killed by the first frost.

HOW TO DRAW AN OVAL.

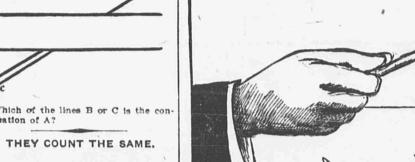
that go down to the sea in ships from Take two stout pins and stick them firmly into the table one end of the world to the other, says through the sheet of paper on which you wish to draw the oval, about two inches apart. Then tie together the ends of the Chicago News. Sir Joseph Hookes relates a striking instance of this seed-carrying, which is perpetually going on a bit of string about eight inches long, so as to form a look "On one occasion," he says, "landing on a small uninhabited island nearly at on a small uninhabited island nearly at the antipodes, the first evidence I met need not be larger than sufficient to admit the point of a

with of its having been previously visited reneil. Now place the larger loop over the two pins, and, putting the grave of a British sailor, and that string as far as it will go and circle all around the pina Cut small fish out of thin paper and draw mouth, gills, &c., with the help was covered with the plant, doubtless. You will find that in moving from one pin to the other the of a colored pencil:

the offispring of seed that had adhered string forms an ever-varying triangle, and that the figure as the most delicate instrument can produce.

WINTER EVENING AMUSEMENT IN THE HOME.

FISHING WITH ELECTRICAL BAIT.

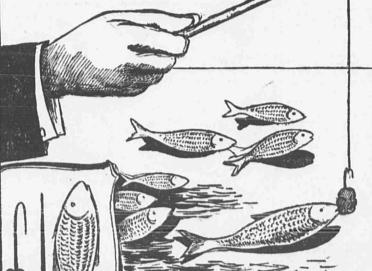


inuation of A?

Take thirteen pennies or counters and arrange them in the form of a cross as shown in the diagram. The upright consists of nine pennies. There are also nine in each arm and the upright below. Take away three pennies and still count ine in these three ways.

THE NEW APOLLO.

Among the most curious of recent finds at Delphi is an Apollo, date 6,000 years B. C., with long, Egyptian-like curls. There is also a very curious bronze statue of the winner in a chariot race same date, besides many torsos and fragments of re warkable etrength, showing much anatomical truth. A small native temple has been excavated in almost a perfect condition.



Take a stick of wood about twelve inches long, to serve as a pole, a piece of by man was the English chickweed, and the line and the hook is made of a pin, as shown in the illustration. On this I traced to a mound that marked the point of your pencil through the smaller loop, stretch the the head of the pln a round piece of sealing wax is used as bast.

Place the fish on the table and start to fish. Each one has his own hook and to the space or mattock with which the described is passing all around the pins is as perfect an oval

This is a very amusing game, especially for the little ones. Let us first prepare our outfit.